

In the Specification

~~On page 27, line 3; after the term "wall" please insert  
--44, Fig. 12--.~~

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel claim 1 through 11 and 16, with reserve.~~

~~Please amend claim 17, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39,  
40, 41, 42, 44 and 45 as follows:~~

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*B'*  
17. A [pinless composite] masonry block comprising a front surface, a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said second side having a second inset wherein said inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said block comprising a protrusion on one of said top or bottom surfaces, said protrusion configured to mate with the inset of one or more adjacently positioned blocks, said protrusion comprising first and second side surfaces wherein said first side surface is angled to interlock with one or more blocks positioned adjacent said composite masonry block, and said second protrusion side surface angled to facilitate manufacture.

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18. The block of claim 17 wherein said first and second insets are configured to provide [an anchoring structure, said anchoring structure comprising said block back wall and] a portion of each of said first and second sides adjacent said back surface.

*5* 21. The block of claim ~~17~~ wherein said block [from] front surface is substantially planar.

*B2 cont'd* *b22*. The block of claim ~~17~~ wherein said block front surface [s] is faceted.

*b28* 28. The block of claim ~~17~~ wherein said block comprises a first and a second [two] protrusion[s].

*B29* 29. The block of claim ~~28~~ wherein said first and second protrusions are positioned on said block top surface adjacent said first and second inset.

*B3* 30. A ~~[pinless composite]~~ masonry block comprising a front surface and a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, a protrusion on one of said block top or bottom surfaces, and, first and second [anchoring] legs, said first leg extending from said block first side and said second leg extending from said block second side, said protrusion comprising first and second side surfaces wherein first side surface is angled to interlock with one or more blocks positioned adjacent said composite masonry block, and said second protrusion side surface angled to facilitate manufacture.

*30* 37. The block of claim ~~30~~ [48] wherein said block has an open central portion extending from said top surface to said bottom surface.

*B4 cont'd* *38* 38. The block of claim ~~30~~ wherein said block comprises first and second [two] protrusions.

39. The block of claim 38 wherein said first and second  
protrusions are positioned on said block top surface adjacent  
said first and second inset.

2940. A retaining [wall] structure, said retaining [wall] structure comprising one or more courses, each of said courses comprising one or more [pinless composite] masonry blocks, each of said blocks comprising a front surface and a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said second side having a second inset, wherein said inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, a protrusion on one of said block top or bottom surfaces, wherein said block protrusion is configured to mate with the inset of one or more adjacently positioned blocks, said protrusion comprising first and second side surfaces wherein said first side surface is angled to interlock with one or more blocks positioned adjacent said composite masonry block, and said second protrusion side surface angled to facilitate manufacture.

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41. The [blocks] structure of claim 40 wherein said block  
protrusion first and second sides have the same angle.

*21* 42. The [block] structure of claim *40* wherein said block *25* protrusion first and second sides have a different angle.

*99* 44. The [retaining] structure of claim *43* wherein said structure comprises at least an upper and an adjacent lower course wherein the blocks of at least one of said upper course or